



CONGRESSMAN

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Veterans Update

■ **Rogers Works to Restore Outpatient Services For Area Vets**

Veterans in the Pontiac area received some good news as the veteran enrollment cap of 2,500 was lifted from outpatient clinics just a few weeks after it was established. The policy benefits all veterans wishing to be treated at Baybrooke, rather than making the commute into Detroit for healthcare. Baybrooke is available for the basic medical needs of veterans, such as check-ups and X-rays. Patients may visit the clinic on a walk-in basis. Baybrooke POH Medical Center is located at 950 University Drive in Pontiac. A new clinic, the Pontiac Veterans Clinic at 1701 Baldwin Avenue, will be opening soon.

In Lansing, the community-based outpatient clinic for veterans at Michigan State University (MSU) has also lifted its cap on the number of veterans it can accommodate. Those wishing to become new enrollees, and new enrollees that are already on waiting lists, can now visit the clinic for outpatient needs. The clinic is located at the MSU Nursing HealthCare Center as part of the Ingham Regional Medical Center on 2727 Pennsylvania Avenue in Lansing.

Both facilities had announced earlier they would no longer be accepting new patients. Congressman Rogers intervened to have the cap lifted.

• **New Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Confirmed by Senate**

President Bush named and the U.S. Senate last week confirmed Jim Nicholson as his nominee to head the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the second largest department in the federal government. Previously, Mr. Nicholson served as the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican and has held that post since August 2001. Mr. Nicholson, a former Army Ranger and paratrooper during the Vietnam War, recently stated that, "Our military is the pride of our country," and that his experiences at West Point and as an Army Ranger, "have defined my life, shaped my abilities and my desire to serve." Mr. Nicholson replaces outgoing Veterans' Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi.

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